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Jun 3, 1991

Mr. Robert W. Hargrove, Chief
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Dear Mr. Hargrove:

This letter is in response to your May 1, 1991, request to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for information on the presence of federally listed and proposed endangered and threatened species within the study area of the Dayco/L.E. Carpenter National Priorities List Site in Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey.

This response is provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) to ensure the protection of endangered and threatened species and is intended to assist your assessments, investigations and planning being conducted pursuant to Section 104 (a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. These comments do not represent any position the U.S. Department of the Interior may adopt concerning possible injury to natural resources under the Department's trusteeship.

The federally threatened plant species *Nelumbia bullata* (swamp pink) is documented to exist in forested wetlands within 10 miles of the project study area. This population is the northernmost occurrence for the species in the United States. We have reviewed the Service's National Wetland Inventory map for the project area and note there are palustrine forested wetlands at the project site, therefore, it is possible that swamp pink could be present. If these wetlands will be impacted by the proposed project, we recommend that a survey be conducted to determine the absence or presence of swamp pink. The results of the survey should be forwarded to this office for review. Except for an occasional transient Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), no other federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered flora or fauna are known to occur in the proposed study area.

Enclosed is a summary of federally listed and candidate species in New Jersey for your information. Candidate species are those species under consideration by the Service for possible inclusion on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. Although these species receive no substantive or procedural protection under the Endangered Species Act, the Service encourages federal agencies and other planners to consider candidate species in the

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project planning process. The New Jersey Natural Heritage Program provides the most up-to-date data source for candidate species in the State, as well as maintaining information on State listed species, and may be contacted at the following address:

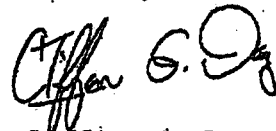
Mr. Thomas Breden
Natural Heritage Program
Division of Parks and Forestry
CN 404
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
(609/984-0097)

Further information on State listed species may be obtained from the following office:

Ms. JoAnn Frier-Murza
Endangered and Nongame Species Program
Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife
CN 400
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
(609/292-9101)

Please contact Dana Peters of my staff if you have any questions or require further assistance regarding threatened or endangered species.

Sincerely,



Clifford G. Day
Supervisor

Enclosures

Appendix B:

Site Photographs
March 26, 2004



Figure 1. Forested/Scrub-Shrub Wetland along Rockaway River.

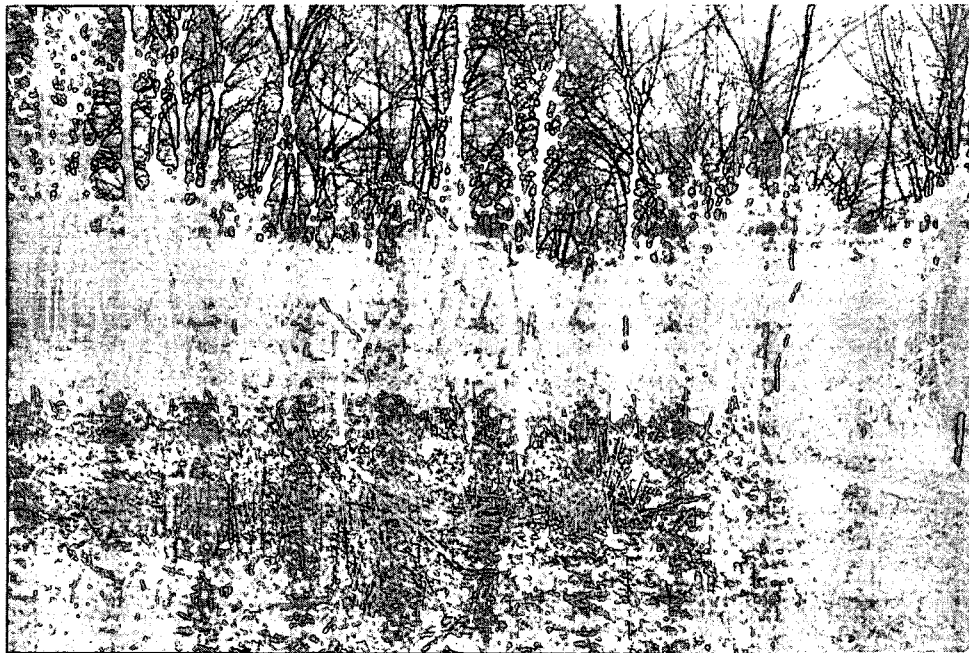


Figure 2. Forested/Scrub-Shrub Wetland along Rockaway River.

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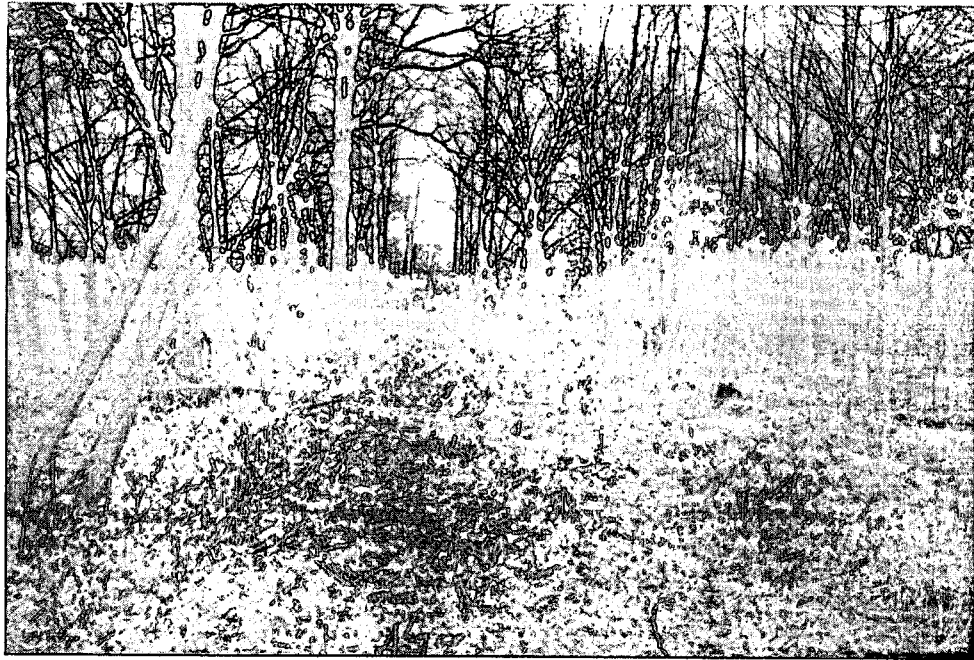


Figure 3. Forested/Scrub-Shrub Wetland along Rockaway River.



Figure 4. Forested/Scrub-Shrub and Emergent Marsh on Wharton Enterprise Property.

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Figure 5. Forested/Scrub-Shrub and Emergent Marsh on Wharton Enterprise Property.

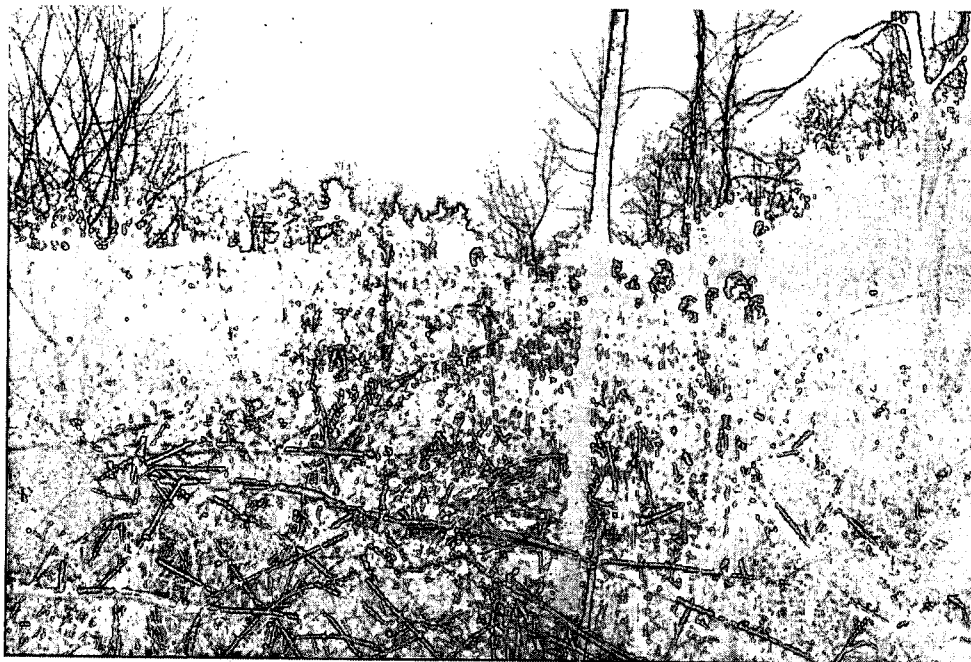


Figure 6. Forested/Scrub-Shrub and Emergent Marsh on Wharton Enterprise Property.

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